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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE

TOWN OF



GROTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1995

**Town of Groton
Groton, New Hampshire**

Annual Report

March 12, 1996

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Town Officers
December 31, 1995

Moderator

Geoffrey A. Gannon, 1996

Selectmen

Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr. , 1997

James J. Albert , 1996

Stephen A. Pilcher, 1998

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Joyce A. Tolman, 1998

Treasurer

Kristen Albert, 1996

Administrative Assistant

Trish M. Lundberg

Road Agent

David J. Leone, 1996

Police Chief

Anthony R. Ricciotti

Health Officer

Andrew O. Lundberg

Trustee of Trust Funds

Debra Lindsey, 1996

Welfare Officer

Trish M. Lundberg

Fire Chief

Emergency Management Director

Fire Warden

Tony Albert

Deputy Wardens

Peter Bailey

Gerard David

Edward N. Smith

Gary Steel

Librarian

Joyce A. Tolman

Assistant Librarian

Mae Blake

Library Trustees

Joyce A. Tolman, 1996

Pamela Crosby, 1996

Jeffrey Levesque, 1998

Supervisors of the Checklist

Diane M. S. Cunningham, 2000

Nelda Frisch, 1998

Shirley Willey, 1996

Planning Board

Andrew O. Lundberg, 1998

Stephen A. Pilcher, Ex-Officio, 1996

Stephen Lindsey, 1996

Richard Belanger, 1996

Cemetery Trustees

Norman Blanchette, 1996

Anthony R. Ricciotti, 1996

David J. Leone, 1996

Selectmen's Letter

Dear Friends:

We have just finished a most productive year for the Town of Groton. The Transfer Station and North Groton Road projects were completed with the use of the new backhoe resulting in a significant savings to the Town. Additionally, the backhoe was used to assist Provan and Lorber dig the temporary test wells for the Dump Site Closure. The only work contracted out in 1995 was bringing in winter sand in conjunction with our own Town truck and hot top when repairing the culverts on North Groton Road. We wish to thank the taxpayers of the Town of Groton for making it possible to purchase this useful piece of equipment, thereby allowing the Highway Department to function efficiently and independent of outside contractors.

The roof was replaced on the Town Office Buildings and most of the work was completed inside the building. However, the roof of the Town House was not replaced due to unforeseen circumstances. This year we have identified the work that needs to be done to save our Town House and the opportunity to make a decision about whether it would be best to repair it or replace it. This is of particular interest in 1996, the year of our Bicentennial.

As you know, the tax rate did increase but not as much as anticipated after the sharp rise in the amount appropriated at the last Town Meeting. This was due to an increase in revenues as well as a decrease in the School District portion of the tax rate. The current equalized ratio is 140 percent which means our land and property is valued at 40 percent higher than the fair market value determined by Groton sales. It is of the utmost importance to consider a total revaluation of property at this time and Article 9 is presented for your consideration.

It is the desire of this Board to give the voters the opportunity to choose which projects they wish to support and exactly what we will accomplish in 1996. To this end, we have included Warrant Articles representing the areas we have identified as worthy of your attention. We will continue to work as a dedicated team in the best interests of the Town of Groton.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF GROTON, Board of Selectmen

Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr., Chairman
James J. Albert
Stephen A. Pilcher

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT FOR 1996 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF GROTON

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the county of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the North Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant at six o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$268,000.00 for the construction of a new Town House next to the historic Town House on property owned by the Town known as Map 7, Lot 11A, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$218,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine rate of interest thereon. The balance of \$50,000.00 is to be raised by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot required).

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$219,243.00, which represents the operating budget for the ensuing year. This sum does not include the special warrant articles.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the completion of the work for instituting 911. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of equipping the Transfer Station for recycling. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the perambulation of the Groton/Plymouth Town line as per RSA 51:2. State law requires this be done every seven (7) years.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,570.00 for the purchase of a computer, printer and software, \$1,000.00 to be transferred from 1995 donations for the purchase of a computer that have been deposited in the General Fund surplus, and the remainder to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,400.00 for the purchase of a riding lawnmower. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000.00 for the total revaluation of property. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 for a new furnace to heat the Town Office Buildings. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 for the repair of the Town House. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000.00 for the expenses related to the construction of a Highway Department Shed. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for installation of a dry hydrant next to Town Office Buildings. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the repairs necessary to the Rolfe Hill Cemetery. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to enter into an agreement with the Town of Hebron to provide ambulance coverage for the Town of Groton beginning January 1, 1997. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Dump Site Closure Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue an ordinance for the establishment of a street numbering system for the Town of Groton. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Commission under the provisions of RSA 36-A for the promotion and development of the natural resources of the municipality and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Groton Bicentennial celebration. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for a medical insurance program for Town employees. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the repair and preparation of North Groton Road for shimming. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000.00 for expenses related to Step 2 of the Dump Site Closure and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$19,000.00 from the Dump Site Closure Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for a fire proof file cabinet for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to change the term of the Treasurer from one year to three years pursuant to RSA 41:26-a beginning with the next election in March of 1997.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to change the elected position of Road Agent to a two-year appointed position pursuant to RSA 231:62 beginning immediately after Town Meeting in March of 1997.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to permit the Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town a certain parcel of real property known as Map 5, Lot 48, from the Hebron-Groton Athletic Association. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to enter into a municipal cooperative agreement under RSA 53-A with the Town of Hebron to jointly administer recreational activities for the benefit of both Towns. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 30: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to put all Town Summer and Winter Highway Maintenance out to private contract, by bid, and sell all existing Town Highway Equipment. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

ARTICLE 31: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to elect a Town Assistant Administrator for a 1 year term starting with Town Meeting 1997. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

ARTICLE 32: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Police Department, sell all equipment, and reduce funding to zero. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund from the purchase of the highway truck to any necessary Highway Department equipment. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund to the Cruiser/Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Cruiser/Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund from the purchase of the cruiser to any necessary Police Department equipment. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue an ordinance defining and regulating conflicts of interest for Town officials and employees, that are elected or appointed, in accordance with RSA 31:39a.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to ratify all the votes and actions taken at the last Town Meeting on March 14, 1995. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

A true copy of the Warrant-attest:

TOWN OF GROTON, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr., Chairman

James J. Albert

Stephen A. Pilcher

TOWN CLERK

Joyce A. Tolman

2/23/96 tml

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 So. Spring St., P.O. Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397

Form MS-6



BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF _____ GROTON _____ N.H.

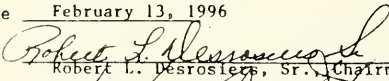
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 19 96 to December 31, 1996 or for Fiscal Year

From _____ 19 ____ to _____ 19 ____

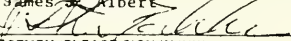
IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32.5 applicable to all municipalities.

- 1 Use this form to list the **entire budget** in the appropriate recommended or not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
- 2 Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
- 3 When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

Date February 13, 1996


Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr., Chairman


James A. Albert


SELECTMEN (PLEASE SIGN IN INK)

Stephen A. Pilcher

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)		W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSURING FISCAL YEAR (Recommended)
Acct. No.	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130	Executive	3	\$ 17,000	\$19,076.24	\$ 18,400
4140	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	3	916	840.75	4,208
4150	Financial Administration /File	3/25	19,500	15,876.82	30,700
4152	Revaluation of Property	3/9	4,900	4,800.68	41,600
4153	Legal Expense	3	4,000	8,204.23	6,000
4155	Personnel Administration/Medical Ins.	3/22	5,000	7,793.52	21,000
4191	Planning and Zoning	3	150	155.48	150
4194	General Government Building	3	5,000	4,107.65	6,000
4195	Cemeteries/Rolfe Hill Cemetery	3/14	1,100	790.38	3,500
4196	Insurance	3	8,500	10,484.77	10,000
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	3	700	639.93	750
	Furnace	10			6,500
	Audit/Audit Services	3	4,200	6,315.76	4,500
4199	Other General Government Perambulation	6			4,000
	Computer	7			1,750
	PUBLIC SAFETY Riding Mower	8			1,400
4210	Police	3	22,000	23,810.21	22,000
4215	Ambulance	3	3,400	3,548.43	3,800
4220	Fire	3	7,800	8,090.66	9,800
4240	Bldg. Inspection				
4290	Emergency Mgt.	3	1,000	804.70	1,000
4299	Other Public Safety (including Communications)	114	4,595	4,029.05	2,500
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS Dry Hydrant	13			2,000
4312	Highways and Streets	3	41,500	38,564.57	45,000
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting	3	750	649.68	800
	General Highway Expense	3	6,500	11,887.84	6,500
	Prep/Repair Shimming	23	35,000	32,766.93	35,000
	SANITATION Highway Shed	12			22,000
4323	Solid Waste Collection				
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	3	23,500	22,655.58	25,000
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal				
	Recycling	5			4,000
	Dump Site Closure	24			19,000
	Transfer Station		15,000	14,930.95	
	WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT				
4332	Water Services				
4335	Water Treatment				
	HEALTH				
4414	Pest Control	3	300	300	300
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	3	1,583.75	1,413.75	1,448
	WELFARE				
4442	Direct Assistance	3	2,000	848.14	2,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	3	939	939	957
4445	Vendor Payments				
	Sub-Totals (carry to top of page 3)		\$236,833.75	\$244,325.70	\$369,383

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Recommended)
	Sub-Totals (from page 2)		\$236,833.75	\$244,325.70	\$369,383
	CULTURE AND RECREATION				
4520	Parks and Recreation	3	100		500
4550	Library	3	1,500	1,500	1,500
4583	Patnotic Purposes Bicentennial	21	200	200	1,000
4589	Other Culture and Recreation /BCC	3	951	1,040.48	1,030
	CONSERVATION				
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources				
4619	Other Conservation Commission	20			500
	REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING				
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
	DEBT SERVICE				
4711	Pnnc.-Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4723	Interest on TAN	3	2,500	1,407.73	2,000
	CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901	Land and Improvements				
4902	Mach., Veh. & Equip. Backhoe/Sander		55,350	55,275	
4903	Buildings Town House	2	12,000	5,786.05	268,000
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings				
	Repair Town House	11			120,000
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	6/17/8	13,000	13,000	8,000
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer -				
	Water -				
	Electric -				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund				
4916	To Trust and Agency Funds				
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$322,434.75	\$322,534.96	\$771,913

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriation which is made up of appropriations from more than one (1) warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct.	W.A.	Amt.	Acct.	W.A.	Amt.
4150	3	29,500	4155	3	9,000
4150	25	1,200	4155	22	12,000
4152	3	5,600	4195	3	1,500
4152	9	36,000	4195	14	2,000

4915 16 2,000
17 5,000
18 1,000

**** Amounts Not Recommended by Selectmen ****

These amounts are not included in the recommended column.

Warrant Article #

\$ Amount

Warrant Article #

\$ Amount

SOURCE OF REVENUE		W.A. No.	ESTIMATED REVENUE Prior Year (omit cents)	ACTUAL REVENUE Prior Year (omit cents)	ESTIMATED REVENUE Ensuing Fiscal Year (omit cents)
Acct. No.	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,240	\$
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		20,000	18,155.88	18,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		10,000	13,688.71	12,000
	Inventory Penalties		200	320.56	300
	LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES				
3210	Business Licenses and Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		27,000	31,318	30,000
3230	Building Permits		150	170	150
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		700	1,316.50	1,000
	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
3319	Other PD Safety Grant		627	624.75	4,000
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenue		4,284	4,284	6,732.75
3353	Highway Block Grant		15,105	15,105	14,904.04
3354	Water Pollution Grants				
3355	Housing and Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		627	627	627
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT				
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues		7,000	6,173.80	6,000
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401	Income from Departments		7,000	8,352.42	8,000
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			600.00	8,900
3502	Interest on Investments		2,000	1,401.43	1,500
3509	Other				
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	Special Revenue Fund				
3913	Capital Projects Fund				
3914	Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer -				
	Water -				
	Electric -				
3915	Capital Reserve Fund		4,000	4,661.30	19,000
3916	Trust and Agency Funds		350	389.48	1,000
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proc. from Long Term Notes & Bonds				218,000
General Fund Balance		For Municipal Use			
Unreserved Fund Balance		\$	xxx	xxx	xxx
Fund Balance Voted From Surplus		< \$ >			
Fund Balance to be Retained		< \$ >	xxx	xxx	xxx
Fund Balance Remaining to Reduce Taxes		\$			
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			\$101,543	\$109,428.83	\$350,113.79

*Enter in this column the numbers which were revised and approved by DRA and which appear on the MS-4 form

Total Appropriations	\$771,913
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Property Taxes	350,113.79
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)	\$421,799.21

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N.H.

1995 Tax Rate Calculation by DRA

Town/City of: GROTON

Appropriations	322,389	
Less: Revenues	101,543	
Less: Shared Revenues	2,159	
Add: Overlay	37,698	
War Service Credits	<u>3,000</u>	
Net Town Appropriation		259,385
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		259,385
Municipal Tax Rate		6.37

—School Portion—

Due to Local School	0	
Due to Regional School	500,811	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>2,516</u>	
Net School Appropriation		498,295
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		498,295
School(S) Tax Rate		12.25

—County Portion—

Due to County	44,286	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>429</u>	
Net County Appropriation		43,857
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>
Approved County Tax Effort		43,857
County Tax Rate		<u>1.08</u>
Combined Tax Rate		<u>19.70</u>
Total Property Taxes Assessed		801,537

—Commitment Analysis—

Total Property Taxes Assessed		801,537
Less: War Service Credits		(3,000)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)		<u>0</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u>798,537</u>

—Proof of Rate—

Net Assessed Valuation: 40,687,179 Tax Rate: 19.70 Assessment: 801,537

—1996 Bond Requirement—

Treasurer:	48,000	Tax Collector:	46,000
Town Clerk:	7,000	Trustee of Trust Funds:	9,000

Town Clerk's Report
January 1-December 31, 1995

Auto Registrations	\$31,318.00
Title Fees	180.00
Dog Licenses	609.50
Dog Fees, Late	11.00
Pistol Permits	80.00
Dog Complaints	15.00
Police Complaints	80.00
Filing Fees, UCC	180.00
Declarations of Candidacy	13.00
Copier Fees	19.00
Election Recount	10.00
Wetlands Permit	10.00
Building Permits	20.00
Vital Statistics	167.00
Master Plan Copy	<u>5.00</u>
 TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER	 <u>\$32,717.50</u>

TOWN OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1995 TO DECEMBER 31, 1995

DRAFT
SUBJECT TO REVISIONS
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

	Levy for Year of This Report 1995	PRIOR LEVIES	
		1994	Prior
Uncollected Taxes - Beginnings:			
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$112,901.14	\$ -
Resident Taxes	-	-	-
Land Use Change Tax	-	-	-
Yield Taxes	-	-	-
Special Assessment	-	-	-
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	801,336.00	878.56	-
Resident Taxes	-	-	-
Land Use Change Tax	2,440.00	-	-
Yield Taxes	23,963.34	-	-
Special Assessment	-	-	-
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	215.94	-	-
Resident Taxes	-	-	-
Land Use Change Tax	-	-	-
Yield Taxes	-	-	-
Interest Collected on			
Delinquent Taxes	901.57	8,464.31	-
Miscellaneous Fees	-	-	-
Penalties Collected	-	-	-
TOTAL DEBITS	\$828,856.85	\$122,244.01	\$ -
Reimitted to Treasurer During Year:			
Property Taxes	\$696,921.37	\$112,562.09	\$ -
Resident Taxes	-	-	-
Land Use Change Tax	2,240.00	-	-
Yield Taxes	18,155.88	-	-
Utilities	-	-	-
Special Assessment	-	-	-
Interest	901.57	8,464.31	-
Penalties	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Fees	-	-	-
Discounts Allowed	-	-	-
Abatements:			
Property Taxes	157.00	1,217.61	-
Resident Taxes	-	-	-
Land Use Change Tax	-	-	-
Yield Taxes	2,324.06	-	-
Utilities	-	-	-
Tax Deeded	3,599.00	-	-
Uncollected Taxes, End of Year:			
Property Taxes	100,874.57	-	-
Resident Taxes	-	-	-
Land Use Change Tax	200.00	-	-
Yield Taxes	3,483.40	-	-
Utilities	-	-	-
Unreconciled Difference	-	-	-
Special Assessment	-	-	-
Prepaid 1994	-	-	-
TOTAL CREDITS	\$828,856.85	\$122,244.01	\$ -

TOWN OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1995 TO DECEMBER 31, 1995

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SUBJECT TO REVISION
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

	Last Year's Levy 1994	PRIOR LEVIES	
		1993	1992
Unredeemed Liens - Beginning	\$ -	\$42,924.32	\$25,082.31
Liens Executed During Year	55,190.82	-	-
Interest Collected After Lien	802.61	2,017.23	5,934.77
Overpayments	-	-	-
TOTAL DEBITS	\$55,993.43	\$44,941.55	\$31,017.08
Remittance to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$4,903.31	\$10,610.02	\$17,462.34
Interest and Costs	802.61	2,017.23	5,934.77
Abatements	-	-	-
Liens Deeded to Municipality	3,779.68	3,173.57	3,286.65
Unreconciled Difference	-	-	-
Unredeemed Liens - End	46,507.83	29,140.73	4,333.32
TOTAL CREDITS	\$55,993.43	\$44,941.55	\$31,017.08

Treasurer's Report
January 1-December 31, 1995

4110 Property Taxes

'94 Property Tax	62,911.37
'95 Property Tax	696,427.04
'95 Property Tax Prepayments	1,623.80
'92 Tax Redemptions	22,707.88
'93 Tax Redemptions	8,977.95
'94 Tax Redemptions	<u>1,508.96</u>

794,157.00

4120 Land Use Change Taxes

2,240.00

4185 Yield Taxes

18,155.88

4186 Payments in Lieu of Taxes

'94 Tax Lien	55,190.82
Lien Cost	<u>242.60</u>

55,433.42

4189 Other Taxes

Overpayment of Taxes	205.94
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4190 Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes

'94 Property Tax Interest	2,463.19
'95 Property Tax Interest	694.42
'92 Tax Redemptions Interest	7,790.02
'93 Tax Redemptions Interest	1,950.49
'94 Tax Redemptions Interest	676.03
'95 Yield Tax Interest	11.90
'95 Yield Tax Penalties	<u>120.40</u>

13,706.45

TOTAL REVENUES FROM TAXES

883,898.69

4220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees

'95 Motor Vehicle Permits	31,064.00
'96 Motor Vehicle Permits	<u>239.00</u>

31,303.00

4230 Building Permits

Building Permits	170.00
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4290 Other Licenses, Permits and Fees

Wetland Permit Fees	65.00
Dog License Fees	630.50
Dog Fines	20.00
Auto Title Fees	160.00
Declaration of Candidacy	13.00
Recount of Election	10.00
Vital Statistics	177.00
UCC Fees	195.00
Pistol Permits	170.00
Witness Fees	<u>240.00</u>

1,680.50

**TOTAL REVENUES LICENSES, PERMITS
AND FEES**

33,153.50

4351 Shared Revenue

Shared Revenue From State	6,732.75
Room/Meals Tax Revenue	<u>2,655.36</u>

9,388.11

4353 Highway Block Grant

15,104.59

4356 State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement

627.41

4359 Other State Grants and Reimbursements

State Highway Safety Grant	624.75
Rented Equipment	<u>9,122.40</u>

9,747.15

TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE

34,867.26

4401 Income From Departments

Planning Board	193.96
Selectmen's Office	181.37
Purchases Discount	213.63
Highway Department	716.00
Police Department Miscellaneous	130.00
Services Police Department	15.00
Extinguishment of Fire	253.94
Addition Error	8.00
Other Revenue	<u>487.07</u>

TOTAL REVENUES CHARGES SERVICES 2,198.97

4501 Sale of Municipal Property

Sale of Tax-Deeded Properties, Deposits	600.00
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4502 Interest on Investments

MBIA & Pemi Interest on Accounts	1,401.43
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4504 Fines and Forfeits

Court Fines Police Department	2,932.00
Parking Tickets Police Department	<u>150.00</u>

3,082.00

4506 Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements

Welfare Reimbursements	184.34
Refund from IRS for 941	477.77
Insurance Dividend	1,920.26
Reimbursement for Backhoe Damage	<u>3,632.47</u>

6,214.84

4508 Contributions and Donations

Playground Fund	389.48
Computer Fund	<u>1,010.00</u>

1,399.48

4509 Revenue From Other Miscellaneous Sources

Postal Meter	9.92
Checklist	15.00
Copier Fees From all Departments	14.25
Copy of Marriage License	10.00
Sale of Master Plan-Subdivision Regs	37.50
Bad Check Charges	<u>6.00</u>

92.67**TOTAL REVENUES MISCELLANEOUS
SOURCES****12,790.42****4914 Transfers From Proprietary Funds**

MBIA	95,748.02
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4915 Transfers From Capital Reserve Fund

Wire Transfer From North Star	<u>4,661.30</u>
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**TOTAL INTERFUND OPERATING
TRANSFERS IN****100,409.32****4934 Proceeds From Long-Term Notes**

Pemi TAN	<u>115,000.00</u>
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**TOTAL REVENUE FROM OTHER
FINANCIAL SOURCES****115,000.00****GRAND TOTAL REVENUES****1,182,618.16**

1995 Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Account	Appropriation 1995	Actuals 1995	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Executive	\$17,000.00	\$19,076.24		\$2,076.24
Election, Registration and Vital Stats	916.00	840.75	75.25	
Financial Administration	10,300.00	7,612.82	2,687.18	
Tax Mapping	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Administrative Assistant	5,200.00	5,132.00	68.00	
Title Searches	2,000.00	1,132.00	868.00	
Revaluation of Property	4,900.00	4,800.68	99.32	
Legal Expense	4,000.00	8,204.23		4,204.23
Personnel Administration	5,000.00	7,793.52		2,793.52
Planning and Zoning	150.00	155.48		5.48
General Government Building	5,000.00	4,107.65	892.35	
Cemeteries	1,100.00	790.38	309.62	
Insurance	8,500.00	10,484.77		1,984.77
Advertising and Regional Associations	700.00	639.93	60.07	
Auditing Services	1,500.00	1,685.46		185.46
Audit	2,700.00	4,630.30		1,930.30
Police Department	22,000.00	23,810.21		1,810.21
Ambulance	3,400.00	3,548.43		148.43
Fire	7,800.00	8,090.66		290.66
Emergency Management	1,000.00	804.70	195.30	
911	2,500.00	1,934.05	565.95	
Extended Service Plan	2,095.00	2,095.00		
Highways and Street	41,500.00	38,564.57	2,935.43	
Street Lighting	750.00	649.68	100.32	
Paving and Preparation	35,000.00	32,766.93	2,233.07	
General Highway Expense	6,500.00	11,887.84		5,387.84
Solid Waste Disposal	23,500.00	22,655.58	844.42	
Transfer Station	15,000.00	14,930.95	69.05	
Pest Control	300.00	300.00		
Health Agencies and Hospitals	1,583.75	1,413.75	170.00	
Direct Assistance	2,000.00	848.14	1,151.86	
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	939.00	939.00		
Parks and Recreation	100.00	0.00	100.00	
Groton Free Public Library	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Bicentennial	200.00	200.00		
Other Culture and Recreation	951.00	1,040.48		89.48
Interest on TAN	2,500.00	1,407.73	1,092.27	
Capital Outlay 4902 Backhoe/Sander	55,350.00	55,275.00	75.00	
Town Office Buildings	4,000.00	3,144.86	855.14	
Town Office Roof	4,000.00	2,611.19	1,388.81	
Town House Roof	4,000.00	30.00	3,970.00	
Capital Reserve Funds	13,000.00	13,000.00		
	\$322,434.75	\$322,534.96	\$20,806.41	\$20,906.62

Net Overdraft

\$100.21

Detailed Summary of Expenditures 1995

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE

Board of Selectmen	\$ 3,900.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	14,001.24
Treasurer	1,150.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	<u>25.00</u>

19,076.24

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Election Administration Wages	790.40
Office Supplies	5.95
Printing	6.40
Advertising	<u>38.00</u>

840.75

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Computer Service	804.16
Executive Assistant	5,132.00
Health Officer	25.00
Purchased Services	1,868.92
Telephone	1,145.30
Postage	1,332.67
Bank Fees/Charges	312.50
Office Supplies	2,528.04
Dog Tags	112.10
Advertising	407.86
Seminars and Meetings	364.16
Mileage Expense	178.65
Meals Expense	12.69
License Fees	126.00
Recording Fees/ Registry	20.32
Animal Population Control Fee	184.50
Overpayment of Taxes	159.95
Registration Refund	30.00
Tax Mapping	2,000.00
Auditing Services	1,685.46
Audit	4,630.30
Title Searches	1,132.00

24,192.58

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Revaluation Services	4,133.80
Utilities Revaluation	<u>666.88</u>

4,800.68

LEGAL EXPENSE

Legal Expenses	8,204.23
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PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Tax Deposits	7,793.52
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PLANNING AND ZONING

Office Supplies	28.51
Postage	84.97
Recording Fees	<u>42.00</u>

155.48

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING

Town Building Repair and Maintenance	1,602.61
Equipment and Furniture	463.16
Town Building Repair and Maintenance Wages	128.32
Housekeeping	355.00
Heating Oil	738.12
Electric	820.44

Special Warrant Articles:

Special Article Office Buildings	3,144.86
Town Offices Roof	2,611.19
Town House Roof	<u>30.00</u>

9,893.70

CEMETERIES

Maintenance of Cemeteries	30.63
Cemetery Wages	709.75
Common Account #1	<u>50.00</u>

790.38

INSURANCE

Property Liability Insurance	8,378.00
PLIT Claims	1,000.00
Workers' Compensation Insurance	<u>1,106.77</u>

10,484.77

ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Regional Associations **639.93**

OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

STNH-Unemployment Compensation **35.84**

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE

Wages 14,184.50

Supplies 381.67

Vehicle Maintenance 965.02

Gasoline 680.14

Office Supplies 568.31

Telephone 1,351.20

Communications 442.76

Dispatch Service 1,043.25

Uniforms, Personnel Equipment 620.50

Guns, Ammunition, Etc. 538.18

Memberships and Subscriptions 218.00

Prosecutor Fees 1,719.09

Cruiser Equipment/Supplies 1,027.99

Mileage Expense 69.60

Federal Grant:

Police Department Safety Grant 567.00

Special Warrant Article:

Cruiser Extended Service Plan 2,095.00

26,472.21

AMBULANCE

Ambulance **3,548.43**

FIRE

Hebron Fire Department Quarterly Expenses 545.47

Hebron Fire Department 2,500.00

Rumney Fire Department 2,808.00

Groton Fire Department 431.87

Lakes Region Mutual Aid 1,805.32

8,090.66

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Expenses **804.70**

OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY (including COMMUNICATIONS)

911	1,934.05
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HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highway Department Wages	20,182.44
Privately Owned Vehicle Income	622.50
Mileage Expense	40.96
Communications	54.97
Office Supplies	41.83
Signs	391.75
Miscellaneous Tools and Equipment Purchases	2,209.60

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Fuel	1,181.43
Salt, Sand, Deicing	10,123.63
Rented Equipment	1,340.00
Electricity Equipment/Sheds	604.46

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Fuel	530.65
Rented Equipment	111.62
Vegetation Control	337.72
Culvert Repair	8.39
Gravel on Gravel Roads	395.83
Cold Patch	339.18
Electricity Equipment/Sheds	47.61

Special Warrant Article:

Prep/Repair for Shimming	23,018.44
Prep/Repair for Shimming Wages	<u>9,748.49</u>

71,331.50

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE

General Highway Expenses	5,795.55
Highway Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	6,092.29
Backhoe Insurance Repairs	<u>3,134.47</u>

15,022.31

STREET LIGHTING

Street Lights	649.68
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SANITATION**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Transfer Station Wages 7,507.88

POV Income Transfer Station 45.00

Miscellaneous Expense 360.04

Electricity 32.79

Hauling and Disposal of Solid Waste 14,609.87

Solid Waste Operator Training/Certification 100.00

Previously Appropriated and Encumbered:

Dump Site Closure 4,061.30

Special Warrant Article:Transfer Station Project Expenses 14,930.95**42,247.83*****HEALTH*****PEST CONTROL**New Hampshire Humane Society **300.00****HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS**Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency **1,413.75*****WELFARE*****DIRECT ASSISTANCE**Direct Assistance **848.14****INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PAYMENTS**

Grafton County Senior Citizens 250.00

Tri-County Community Action 389.00

Lakes Region Community Services 300.00**939.00*****CULTURE AND RECREATION*****LIBRARY**Groton Free Public Library **1,500.00****OTHER CULTURE AND RECREATION**Bristol Community Center **651.00*****ABATEMENTS*****2,446.06*****INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE*****534.12**

DEBT SERVICE

INTEREST ON TAN **1,407.73**

CAPITAL OUTLAY***MACHINES, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT***

Backhoe 50,075.00

Sander 5,200.00

55,275.00

NEFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT **500,811.00**

GRAFTON COUNTY TAXES **44,286.00**

TAX LIENS **55,190.82**

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT
TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS **13,389.48**

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES **115,000.00**

GRAND TOTAL **\$1,051,001.57**

Inventory of Town Properties

<u>Map, Lot</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
1-24F	Tax-Deeded Property	\$ 28,100
2-14-1B	North Groton Cemetery	11,450
2-21	Church Lot	6,450
2-70-1	Union Cemetery	10,650
3-12	75 Acres off Powers Hill Road	26,250
3-18	50 Acres off Powers Hill Road	20,000
5-19	Abutting Selectmen's Office	11,400
5-20	Selectmen's Office	49,200
5-49-3C	Tax-Deeded 1.8 Acres, Ethier Estates	96,600
5-49-3C(C)	Tax-Deeded Common Lot Share, Ethier Estates	1,515
6-1-3	Police Department Shed	3,000
6-6	Transfer Station	34,100
6-1-4	Tax-Deeded Property 5.67 Acres	44,650
7-11A	Rolfe Hill Cemetery	600
7-11	Town House and 1.5 Acres	66,800
7-12B	5 Acres	25,300
10-14	6 Acres	20,650
10-17	Tax-Deeded Property .5 Acre	9,800
10-22	1 Acre	14,600
10-52	Holden Lot 50 Acres	<u>37,950</u>
		\$519,065.00

Auctioned in 1995

6-1-12	Tax-Deeded Property
10-53	Tax-Deeded Property

Groton Free Public Library Report 1995

The Library did fine this past year thanks to Mae Blake's effort and dedication. We all wish her well with a speedy recovery, and we hope that she will be back in the spring. The Library bought a number of new children's books. There are eight (8) new magazines each month and the large-print Readers' Digest available. The phone number is 744-3668.

Record of Services:

Adult	65
Junior	265
Easy	178
Magazines	276
VCR Tapes	146
Paperback Books	<u>111</u>

TOTAL	<u>1,041</u>
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New Books Donated:

Adult	5
Junior	12
Easy	
VCR Tapes	

TOTAL	<u>17</u>
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New Books Purchased:

178
12
<u>25</u>

<u>215</u>

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Pamela Crosby
Jeffrey Levesque
Joyce Tolman

Groton Free Public Library Treasurer's Report 1995

Checking Account #006246

Payments January 1, 1995-December 31, 1995

5420 Associations:		
New Hampshire Library Trustee Association	\$ 30.00	
S.C.S.E.P. Cap Program	<u>40.00</u>	70.00
5720 Children's Parties		132.01
6220 Utilities (Telephone)	336.17	
6221 Utilities Late Fee	.43	336.60
6310 Magazine Subscriptions		177.88
6311 Book Purchases		221.54
6312 VHS Tape Purchases		
100.00		
6340 Postage		8.32
6440 Supplies Expense		<u>10.24</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,056.59

Balance on hand January 1, 1995	\$ 430.72	
Plus: Town Appropriation	1,500.00	1,930.72
Less: Expenses		<u>1,056.59</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1995		<u><u>\$ 874.13</u></u>

PLEASE NOTE: This year our Librarian donated her time to the Library to allow for extra money so that shelves could be bought (or made) for the Library.

Savings Account #2013910

Savings Account Balance January 1, 1995		\$257.08
Plus: Interest 1/1/95-12/31/95		7.44
Deposits:		
Proceeds from Book and Bake Sale		\$ 86.85
Proceeds from Book and Bake Sale Hebron Store	6.00	
Donations from Hebron Store	<u>2.00</u>	94.85
Less: Withdrawal for change Book and Bake Sale		<u><50.00></u>
Savings Account Balance December 31, 1995		<u><u>\$309.37</u></u>

Assessor's Report 1995

The year 1995 saw a continuation of the decline in new construction, which is reflective of the New Hampshire economy since 1991. Land values have also shown a steady decline since the 1991 Groton revaluation. More land is being marketed and, because supply outstrips demand, the selling price per acre has been steadily declining. In Groton, nearly 18,000 acres of a total of about 25,000 acres is in Current Use, which considerably lessens the property tax impact for these owners. Of the land in Current Use, some 14,000 acres, or about 78 percent, is in a hardwood category, at a base price of \$23 per acre. The difference between \$23 per acre (Current use) and \$350 per acre (Ad Valorem) is so great that many tax dollars are lost. Current Use should be revaluated using Department of Revenue Administration value ranges for 1996. Additionally, the Selectmen should send out new A-10 forms which will allow Groton to determine if a Forest Management Plan has been filed and if proper stewardship techniques are being followed. A complete inventory of Groton's forested area, performed by a qualified forester, will allow us a better means of verifying the accuracy of Current Use categories, intent to cut forms and yield taxes. I recommend that a Current Use update be part of a complete revaluation of Groton's taxable and non-taxable properties.

Since 1991, the average Groton homeowner has seen a decline in value of land and buildings. Groton's present equalized tax ratio of 140 percent means that the same homestead which sold for \$70,000 in 1990-1991 is now selling for around \$50,000. Even though all land and buildings in Groton are assessed equitably at this 140 percent of market value as of April 1, 1995, the relationship between one's assessment and market value should be close to 100 percent. Utility properties were revaluated by George Sansoucy in 1993 and the base valuation of \$12.7 million certainly has added to Groton's total assessed valuation without creating a great impact on town services.

For 1996, Groton should have a total revaluation of its properties in order to bring assessed values back to 100 percent. Selling prices of residential homes and land have basically leveled off, and therefore this year would be a good year to reassess properties. With the advent of the statewide 911 system in Groton, new property addresses will be reflected on the assessment record cards and the tax blotter. The acquisition of a computer system and software will allow the property owner to obtain a computerized printout of his/her property which will show replacement cost, building components, depreciation, land size and other pertinent information. Once the system is on-line, the need for future revaluations is virtually eliminated. Every year, each sale in Groton will be analyzed in order to develop our own equalized ratio for different classes of property such as land, standard dwellings, cottages and manufactured homes. The computer then adjusts all properties in Groton each and every year so that

the new result is an equalized valuation within five (5) percent of 100 percent. The annual cost for this service will be approximately \$1,500. Therefore, over a 20-year period, \$30,000 is the cost to basically keep all properties at very close to 100 percent. Not only does the Town avoid future costly revaluations but tax appeals are kept to an absolute minimum. Four revaluations at an average cost of \$35,000 during this 20-year period would result in a cost of \$140,000. Therefore, the Town would realize a savings of \$110,000 through computerization of its assessing records.

For 1996, I recommend that the Town invest in a computerized revaluation of its properties along with the Current Use properties, which will also be computerized. As part of this process, the Administrative Assistant and Assessor will be trained both in the field and with the computer so that control and continuity of property valuation rests with the Town and not with the State or private enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph J. Cutting
Groton Assessor

Police Department Report 1995

The Officers and myself wish to take this opportunity to thank the residents and taxpayers for their generosity again this past year.

The new cruiser, which has been in service since May of 1994, has served the department well. The gasoline costs and the maintenance costs have been reduced for the department due to the new cruiser. The technology and safety features of the new vehicle have really allowed us to perform our duties more efficiently as the activity continues to rise each year.

The department continues to receive letters and comments as to the professionalism and integrity of your police department and its duties within the Town of Groton. These comments are received not only by residents and taxpayers, but also by other law enforcement agencies and the general public.

This department experienced a major increase in activity this past year, with a more than three hundred (300) percent increase in arrests and a fifty (50) percent increase in calls answered and logged.

Due to the efforts of Corporal Harding and Chief Ricciotti, we were able to acquire additional materials and supplies through the government programs again this year to help defer costs to the Town. This, in return, allowed for budgeted monies for the department to go further in providing services to the Town's people.

I would like to take this time to thank Corporal Harding and Patrolman Ricciotti for their continued support and unending dedication to this department and to the people of the Town of Groton. I would also like to thank them for their more than two hundred (200) hours of time donated to the Town for betterment of the Police Department. The loan of personal equipment to the department at no cost to the Town was also greatly appreciated.

Thank you all again from the members of the Groton Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Anthony Ricciotti

Summary of Calls for Service *Groton Police Department 1995*

Below is a partial list of the calls the department handled either in person or by telephone. This does not include all calls between the Chief and the Officers.

<u>Type of Incident/Nature</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Accidents (MV4)	12
Alarms	9
Alcohol-related	39
Animal	32
Arrests	64
Assaults	3
Burglary (2)	6
Camping	18
Civil	11
Court	78
Criminal Mischief	9
Criminal Threats	4
Criminal Trespass	7
Defective Equipment Tags	14
Disorderly Actions	18
Domestic Disturbances	6
Drugs	9
Elections	1
Emergency Notifications	3
Fire	14
Fireworks	1
Fraud	5
Fugitives	2
General/Information	235
Harassment	7
Illegal Dumping	3
Investigations	83
Juvenile	42
Lost Property	1
Medical	9
Miscellaneous Complaints (in Cruiser)	39
Miscellaneous Meetings	61
Missing Persons	4
Motor Vehicle Summons	96
Motor Vehicle Warnings	88
Motorists Assists	6
Motor Vehicle Stops (Additional)	114

Summary of Calls For Service, Groton Police Department 1995

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Mutual Aid	26
OHRV	8
Operating After Suspension	3
Parking	12
Prowlers	3
Stalking	2
Stolen Property	2
Suicides (Attempted)	3
Thefts	17
Transports	18
Warrants	7
Weapons	7
Phones Handled by Dispatch	844
Witness Tampering	<u>2</u>
Total Calls For Service	<u><u>1,534</u></u>

Note: Also not included is work on 911.

Highway Department Report, 1995

The Groton Highway Department accomplished a great deal in 1995. The use of the new backhoe significantly increased the amount of work completed and improved the time-frame in which the projects were done.

The North Groton Road project was completed in accordance with the specifications made by the Board of Selectmen. This work included the replacement of sixteen (16) culverts and installation of headers for each, the clearing of numerous trees from the road sides, reshaping the slopes and regrading the sides of the road. The first mile of North Groton Road was shimmed. In 1996, if desired by the Town's people, another section of North Groton Road will be repaired and shimmed.

Heavy rains caused flood damage to the roads this past fall and a Flood Disaster was declared by the Federal government. Funds have been made available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to cover the cost of these repairs and application has been made to complete the repair of damages in the spring after the snow melts. To date the Town of Groton has received \$3,993 as reimbursement for repairs completed and will recover additional funds after completion of the work that was identified on inspection with the FEMA representative.

Vehicle maintenance has been a priority this past year, particularly after the numerous repair problems experienced at the beginning of the year. At this point in time, all Highway Department vehicles are maintained on a regular basis with the emphasis on preventative maintenance. The vehicles are inspected prior to predicted storms, virtually eliminating breakdowns this winter.

This has been an enjoyable year for Peter Newton and I, and we have learned a great deal from the experience. Working as a team, we have been able to perform most of the work necessary to keep our roads maintained. Thank you for your patience with the North Groton Road project. We appreciate your comments and suggestions about maintaining the roads.

Respectfully submitted,

David Leone, Road Agent

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on December 31, 1995

(June 30, 19____)

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Report of The Common Trust Fund Investments of the City or Town of _____

HOW INVESTED					
NO. OF SHARES OR OTHER UNITS	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds, etc.) <small>Please indicate by an asterisk (*) any delisted securities being held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a and type an explanation for the retention on the bottom of this form (RSA 31:25-c)</small>	Balance Beginning Year		ADDITIONS	
				Purchases	
	No. Groton Cemetery	231	98		
	Tercentennial	180	00		
	George Hall Fund	100	00		
	Cyrus Blood Fund	80	00		
	Dimichelle (2)	48	20	1	80
	Gilchrist (2)		00	50	00

- Fees and expenses, if any, paid to
- 1. Name of Bank: _____
 - 2. Fees Paid: \$ _____
 - 3. Expenses Paid: \$ _____
 - 4. Were these fees and expenses _____

on December 31, 19 95

(June 30, 19____)

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Banking Assistance: (RSA 31:38-a.IV)

...ly from income? Yes _____ No _____

Vital Statistics for 1995

The following have been recorded by the Town Clerk for Groton:

Births:

Emily Ann Pilcher was born in Plymouth on June 21, 1995. Parents are Stephen and Laurie Pilcher of North Groton Road.

Brandon Lee David was born in Franklin on August 7, 1995. Parents are Peter and Sheryl David of North Groton Road.

Congratulations to our new parents.

Marriages:

July 22, 1995, Edward James Henderson and Susan Santoro, both of Groton were married by Rosalie T. Downing, J. P. in Groton.

August 18, 1995, Kier Terrain Slater of Groton and Brina Ruth Young of Plymouth were married by Jeffrey R. Levesque, J. P. in Groton.

November 3, 1995, Wayne Darrell Smith and Judy Marie David, both of Groton were married by Mary J. Chase, J. P. in Plymouth.

Many Happy Returns!

Deaths:

Charles Leach Coursey of Groton Hollow Road, Miller, passed on July 2, 1995, Groton Hollow Road, Groton.

A great loss to us all.

**ATTENTION RESIDENTS
OF
GROTON**

**DIAL
911**

to report a
**FIRE, ACCIDENT, MEDICAL or POLICE
EMERGENCY.**

This is the fastest way for you to get the
help you need when you need it!

Additional Police Department Numbers
for Non-emergencies:

744-3703

Urgent Police Business

744-7894

General Police Business

